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## TITLE: CROSSOVER VOTING

**Resolution #:** 2024-1

**Submitted by:** Benjamin Chafetz, Ada County Delegate

**Presented by:** Benjamin Chafetz, Ada County Delegate

**WHEREAS** the Idaho Republican Party (herein “the Party”) has the constitutional right, under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, to determine with whom it associates and who associates with it;

**WHEREAS** the Party has the constitutional right to determine who has the right to assist the Party in selecting nominees that will represent the Party in the general election;

**WHEREAS** the Party has seen a considerable increase in so-called “crossover” voting by those who do not have the Party’s best interests in mind as expressed by support of the Party’s platform.

**WHEREAS** the Party, by and through the State Central Committee adopted Article IX, Section 5 to provide additional guidance on the process by which certified electors may affiliate with the Party.

**WHEREAS** the Idaho Secretary of State refused to recognize and enforce the Party’s rights to association and rules pertaining thereto including rules regarding deadlines for affiliation with the Party and requirements for participating in the Party primary nominating contest.

**WHEREAS** the Party has the responsibility to protect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform.

**WHEREAS** the Party desires to nominate candidates that reflect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately and without delay retain legal representation to defend the Party’s right to association and the enforcement of the rules pertaining thereto including rules regarding deadlines for affiliation with the Party and requirements for participating in the Party primary nominating contest.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately and without delay to instruct legal representation to file a lawsuit in federal court to seek any other pertinent remedy stemming from the Idaho Secretary of State’s recalcitrance and dereliction of duty in enforcing party rules regarding deadlines for affiliation with the Party and requirements for participating in the Party primary nominating contest.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** the Chairman of the Party is hereby granted full authority to expend any resources necessary to effectuate this resolution to completion unless specifically directed otherwise by the State Central Committee.

**TITLE: PLATFORM DISTRIBUTION**

**Resolution #:** 2024-2

**Submitted by,** Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate

**Presented by:** Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate

**WHEREAS** the delegates of the Idaho Republican Party (hereinafter referred to as "the Party") draft and adopt a Party Platform (hereinafter referred to as "the Platform") every two years;

**WHEREAS** the Platform embodies the Party's goals, vision, and values;

**WHEREAS** nominated candidates for partisan office often do not reaffirm their support for the amended Platform following its revision at the state convention;

**WHEREAS** it is crucial for nominated candidates to be transparent about their stance on the amended Platform;

**WHEREAS** support for the Platform serves as an indicator of support for the Party's goals, vision, and values;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately send a copy of the amended Platform to every nominated Republican candidate in Idaho, either in hardcopy or electronic form.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to instruct nominated Republican candidates to affirm their support for the amended Platform or identify areas of disagreement within 30 days of receipt.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to publicize the responses or non-responses from the nominated Republican candidates on the Party's website, send the responses or non-responses to the members of the State Central Committee with instructions to distribute to the respective members of their central committees, and write an op-ed for distribution to media outlets throughout Idaho with the same information.

**TITLE: SALARY FOR STATE CHAIR**

**Resolution #:** 2024-3

**Submitted by,** Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate

**Presented by:** Branden Durst, Ada County Delegate

**WHEREAS** serving as Chair of the Idaho Republican Party (hereinafter “the Party”) is a demanding and time-intensive role;

**WHEREAS** numerous state party organizations nationwide acknowledge that the chair position precludes maintaining regular employment, and accordingly, they provide compensation to their elected chairs;

**WHEREAS** expecting the Chair of the Party to serve on a voluntary basis significantly restricts the pool of potential candidates for the position;

**WHEREAS** compensating the Chair would underscore the importance of the role in leading the Party.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately appoint a special committee to investigate the compensation structures of other Republican state party chairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to instruct the members of the special committee to draft a proposed rule change to allow for the Chair's compensation and to present it to the state central committee within 90 days of this resolution's approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to place the proposed rule change on the agenda for the rules committee of the State Central Committee for consideration no later than the next Winter Meeting.

**TITLE: SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION ALTERNATIVES**

**Resolution #:** 2024-4

**Submitted by:** Kirsten Lucas, Canyon County Delegate, Priscilla Giddings, Ada County Delegate

**Presented by:** Kirsten Lucas, Canyon County Delegate, Priscilla Giddings, Ada County Delegate

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**WHEREAS** the Party has the constitutional right to determine who has the right to assist the Party in selecting nominees that will represent the Party in the general election;

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**WHEREAS** the Party has the responsibility to protect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform.

**WHEREAS** the Party desires to nominate candidates that reflect the Republican brand as espoused by the Party’s platform.

**WHEREAS** the ranked choice voting and open primaries initiative represents an existential threat to the Party’s constitutional rights and the Party must proactively explore options to protect its interests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately and without delay appoint a special committee to research alternatives to the primary election for statewide and federal nominees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to immediately and without delay to instruct members of the special committee to draft a recommended rule change and to disseminate it to the state central committee within 90 days of the approval of this resolution.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** the Chairman of the Party is hereby directed to place the recommended rule change on the agenda for rules committee of the State Central Committee for its consideration at a date no later than the next Winter Meeting.



**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO ASSIST REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS**

**Resolution #:** 2024-5

**Submitted by:** Keith Markley, Adams County Delegate

**Presented by:** Keith Markley, Adams County Delegate

Whereas, the Idaho legislative sessions are short and pass quickly.

Whereas, Legislators are having to process overwhelming amounts of Legislation during each session.

Whereas, for the last many legislative sessions our legislators are voting on over 700 separate pieces of legislation.

Whereas, our legislators would benefit from real time legislative guidance and input from the IDGOP while they are in session.

Whereas, our Idaho Legislators can find some legislative analysis from outside organizations, but heretofore none from the IDGOP itself.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the IDGOP State Central Committee shall appoint a 3 member legislative analysis committee to analyze legislation according to the IDGOP platform and values making recommendations to our Republican Representatives real time during the 2025 legislative session. The appointed individuals shall sign a pledge to take no financial gain or any benefit from any source outside of the agreed upon stipend provided by the IDGOP so as to be free from outside influence.

Be it further resolved, that the IDGOP shall allocate up to \$ 15,000.00 to support the appointed committee for time and expenses associated with its legislative research. (Suggestion \$7500 from Counties/\$7500 State)

Be it further resolved that the IDGOP shall reassess the efficacy of the above plan at the 2025 summer meeting to determine if the same should continue.

**TITLE: IDAHO'S UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL**

**Resolution #: 2024-06**

**Submitted by:** Lisa Keller, Bonneville County, Lynn Bradescu, Ada County Alternate

**Presented by:** Lisa Keller, Bonneville County, Lynn Bradescu, Ada County Alternate

Proposal Text:

Whereas, the modern state of Israel, like the USA, is a country born from the aspiration for freedom and stands out among the nations as a beacon of democracy and humanity. Beyond our mutual strategic interests, Israel is likewise an exceptional country that shares our most essential values. It is the only country in the Middle East where freedom of speech and freedom of religion are found; and

Whereas, we recognize Jerusalem as the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state, and support the decision of President Donald J Trump to move the American embassy to Jerusalem in fulfillment of U.S. law; and

Whereas, we affirm America's commitment to Israel's security and to ensure that Israel maintains a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries, we support Israel's right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks of Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran upon its people and against alternative forms of warfare being waged upon it legally, economically, culturally and otherwise; and

Whereas the United States seeks to assist in the establishment of comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, to be negotiated among those living in the region;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 2024 Idaho Republican Party State Convention calls upon Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and Congressman Russ Fulcher to take all necessary actions to provide financial and military support to the state of Israel in order to maintain its sovereignty rights, and its ability to defend itself against terror attacks of any kind and nature.

Be it further resolved, that the 2024 Idaho Republican Party State Convention is proud to stand with Israel.

**TITLE: ESTABLISHING PROCESS TO ENSURE FAIR AND OPEN DEBATE**

**Resolution #: 2024-07**

**Submitted by:** Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

WHEREAS the IDGOP platform, Article II, encourages citizens to participate in government, including open debate.

WHEREAS the screening of questions in open debate hinders citizen participation.

WHEREAS the “Marxist Silencing technique” as contained in the book “Push Back” by Beverly Eakman is defined as a Marxist technique for controlling debate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Republicans should prohibit and condemn the use of Screening Questions in public forums.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in any Idaho GOP approved or sanctioned debates or forums ( district, County or State ), moderators will promote debate by not screening questions for content and by allowing time for citizens to ask questions.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all GOP meetings be open meetings, to include the public, Precinct Committeemen and GOP officers.

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION THAT ONLY CITIZENS VOTE**

**Resolution #: 2024-08**

**Submitted by:** Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Darryl Ford, Canyon County Delegate

Whereas, United States Constitution Amendments XV, XIX, XXIV and XVI to the United States Constitution each begin with, "The right of Citizens to vote...", and

Whereas, clearly, the authors of our Constitution intended and expected only Citizens to vote, and

Whereas, Credentials are required to be permitted to vote at this Convention, Corporate Shareholder meetings and Board meetings, Republican Party Central Committee and Legislative District meetings, and

Whereas only Citizens have a vested interest in the preservation of our Nation,

Therefore, be it resolved that ONLY CITIZENS be allowed to vote.

## TITLE: WEATHER MODIFICATION

### **Resolution #: 2024-09**

**Submitted by:** Melissa Blevins, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Melissa Blevins, Canyon County Delegate

WHEREAS, Cloud seeding is the “deliberate introduction into clouds of various substances that act as condensation nuclei or ice nuclei in an attempt to induce precipitation” by aerial dispersion or ground cloud-seeding generators.

WHEREAS, Chem-trails are visible, various aerosol and electromagnetic particulates dispersed by aircraft to “create clouds” designed to alter the earth’s atmosphere.

WHEREAS, “weather modification is the act of intentionally manipulating or altering the weather”

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2024, the state of Tennessee enacted into law bills SB 2691 and HB 2063, “Environmental Preservation,” prohibiting the “the intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of this state into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight.” If cloud seeding and weather modification is not happening in our country, there is no need for a law to ban these acts and substances into our environment. The state of Idaho should follow suit, to help lead the way for other states to enact the same law until this is eradicated from our nation entirely.

WHEREAS, it is not simply water or ice that is being used to seed clouds or create clouds through simple ice particle condensation spewed by aircraft to promote rainfall and snow, and refract sunlight in an attempt to alter earth’s atmosphere. Silver Iodide, Graphene Oxide, Aluminum, Barium, Thorium, Caesium, Copper, Titanium, Silicon, Lithium, Cobalt, Lead, Ethylene Dibromide, and etc. are used, which are radioactive and/or toxic, and potentially pathogenic are dispersed in nanoparticle form which are able to be absorbed into the body through inhalation, thus entering the bloodstream, crossing the blood-brain barrier, and these substances are being distributed repeatedly in the same geographic areas.

WHEREAS, Silver Iodide falls to the ground through rain and snowfall, and remains in soils and sediments. A study on the cumulative effects from repeated use in the same geographic area found that soil bacteria “had a moderate decrease in cell viability,” and freshwater algae “induced a significant decrease in photosynthetic activity that is primarily associated with the respiration... These results suggest that silver iodide from cloud seeding may moderately affect biota living in both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems if cloud seeding is repeatedly applied in a specific area and large amounts of seeding materials accumulate in the environment.”

WHEREAS, environmental exposure of these trees/plants to chem-trail substances are causing them to bloom too early, and die too soon in the year, are unable to uptake nutrients, and are causing them to go dormant. Forests are becoming timber graveyards that are extremely flammable. Methane deposits are releasing into the atmosphere and increasing, which is much more toxic than CO2. One can conclude that our air quality will suffer from lack of oxygen produced, and the tree’s inability to clean the air of harmful gasses.

WHEREAS, the US submitted a Patent Application Publication on January 6, 2022, inventing “3D Graphene Oxide Nanoparticles for Cloud Seeding Patent US 2022/0002159 A1” which creates a “composite for ice nucleation.” Graphene oxide has “thermal properties” and is “highly reactive” and due to “its nanoscale size and high reactivity, when introduced into the body, they can interact with biological tissues in ways that larger particles cannot...they can penetrate cellular membranes and potentially cause damage at a cellular level”, “disrupting normal biological functions”, and “cause damage to cells, proteins, and DNA, leading to a variety of diseases.”

WHEREAS, Barium is “linked to cardiovascular issues, respiratory problems, and gastrointestinal issues,” Aluminum is “associated with neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s and Multiple Sclerosis,” radioactive Thorium and Caesium “can lead to cancer, genetic mutations,” Copper overexposure can “result in liver and kidney damage, as well as gastrointestinal symptoms,” Titanium inhalation may cause respiratory irritation and potential long-term lung damage,” prolonged Silicon dust exposure can lead to Silicosis, excessive Lithium exposure “have adverse effects on the nervous system and thyroid function,” Cobalt is “linked to respiratory issues, heart problems, and skin irritation,” Lead is “known to cause developmental delays in children, as well as neurological and cardiovascular problems in adults,” Ethylene Dibromide is a “classified carcinogen.”

WHEREAS, in Idaho in January 2017, Project SNOWIE began, in which a plane spewed Silver Iodide into the air. The results in their paper concluded, “...we cannot really generate an awful lot of snow. We can generate snow, but not that we can really overcome a drought situation.”

WHEREAS, In Idaho in 2021, bill H266, by the Resources and Conservation Committee, passed into law which “Adds to existing law to provide for cloud seeding in Idaho.”

WHEREAS, Idaho Power has on their website a page titled ‘Cloud Seeding’ in which it states that “the program began in 2003” and “Idaho Power operates remote-controlled ground-based generators and aircraft to target the Payette, Boise,

and Wood River basins as well as the upper Snake River system.”

WHEREAS, experiments proving whether cloud-seeding is making a significant difference in preventing drought, such as the Project Skywater, Operation Popeye, and others from the 1960s-1980s produced “mixed results,” or “they weren’t useful, they were quickly discontinued or scientists couldn’t tell how well they were working,” and, “they don’t definitively prove that the precipitation produced by cloud seeding in one area would not have happened without it.” As recently as 2003, the National Research Council stated in a comprehensive report on weather modification that “there is still no convincing scientific proof of the efficacy of intentional weather modification efforts.” In 2015, the Bureau of Reclamation concluded “the ‘proof’ the scientific community has been seeking for many decades is still not at hand.”

WHEREAS, An August 2022 article titled ‘Dodging Silver Bullets: How Cloud Seeding Could Go Wrong’ stated,” While cloud seeding is not a new technology - the first experiments took place in the 1940s - it fell out of favor in the 1980s for being an ‘unacceptable ethical and environmental hazard.’ It is now back on the policy agenda as a climate adaptation strategy. Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and California have all expanded their cloud seeding operations in the past two years in response to worsening drought. Despite its potential, the risks associated with cloud seeding are high, and there is significant danger that cloud seeding may do more harm than good.” “As early as

1965, the National Science Foundation called for urgent social science research into the impacts of weather modification, stating, ‘If the development techniques of weather and climate modification are to be used intelligently, the human consequences of deliberate or inadvertent intervention need to be anticipated before they are upon us.’ But these issues continue to be underexplored.”

WHEREAS, acts of man overtaking and manipulating “acts of God” usually ends in catastrophic results. Not trusting God to provide, in this case, adequate water and regulation of the earth’s temperature, goes against the 2022-2024 Republican platform Preamble “WE ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE: **We believe** the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator...” We should rely on God, not man, to provide for humanity through means of weather and natural climate conditions, as God intended.

WHEREAS, “cloud seeding” and “chem-trails” go against the 2022-2024 Republican Party Platform ARTICLE VI. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT “The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that the beautiful and fruitful land that we have been given by God, our creator, must be properly cared for to ensure that its rich blessings will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.” As well as Section 1 and Section 6.

WHEREAS, the cost of cloud-seeding programs costs millions of dollars each year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby condemns, and will be determined to prohibit the further use and act of cloud seeding, chem-trails, or any such weather modification program in which the intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, heavy metal or carbon-based nano-particles, or apparatus within the borders of the state of Idaho into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, cloud precipitation, or the intensity of the sunlight. And to amend the Republican Party Platform ‘Article V. Water,’ to add this new Section.

\* [wapp.capitol.tn.gov](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov), Bill Search: HB 2063, SB2691

\* “Potential risk of acute toxicity induced by AgI cloud seeding on soil and freshwater boots” -

<http://www.pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27517140/> - November 2016

\* [Geoengineeringwatch.org](http://Geoengineeringwatch.org)

\* <https://www.britannica.com/science/cloud-seeding>

\* “What is graphene oxide and why is it harmful to the body?” - Science-WHYS, July 13, 2023

\* <https://www.idahopower.com/energy-environment/energy/energy-sources/hydroelectric/cloud-seeding/>

\* <https://www.greatergoodhealth.substack.com/p/the-health-risk-of-chemtrails> - May 6, 2024

\* “Eight States Are Seeding Clouds to Overcome Megadrought” - Scientific American, March 16, 2021

\* “Dodging Silver Bullets: How Cloud Seeding Could Go Wrong” - The Bulletin of the Atomic Sciences, August 11, 2022

**TITLE: ELECTION DAY**

**Resolution #: 2024-10**

**Submitted by:** Steve and Penny Allmer, Canyon County Delgates

**Presented by:** Steve and Penny Allmer, Canyon County Delgates

Whereas elections have historically been a one-day event.

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party believes all United States citizens and all Idaho citizens should be encouraged to register to vote and vote in person on Election Days.

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party believes that requested to for absent elector voting should be reserved for the Military and service personnel, people that will not be in their voting county on Election Day; and those that cannot physically come in person to their polling location, to vote on Election Day.

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party believes a cost and time savings would be achieved through new laws, stating that only the elector can request an application for an absent elector ballot.

In addition, the Idaho Republican Party believes that voting closest to your place of residence, with your neighbors help create a sense of community like old fashion town square.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican Party encourage the legislators to make and pass bills that will ban “all vote by mail election” and voting center style polling places; reduce absentee voting and encourage in person voting on Election Day.



## TITLE: PROTECTING THE ELECTRIC GRID

### Resolution #: 2024-11

**Submitted by:** Phil Vasile, LD 10 Alternate

**Presented by:** Phil Vasile, LD 10 Alternate

Whereas, the United States now has multiple countries wishing us harm; because China is actively preparing their militarily for war; and because foreign countries are sending terrorists into our country; the threat(s) facing our homeland today are the greatest in decades.

Whereas, America's safety is in question, our electric grid is facing multiple threats of destruction from the following sources.

Threats currently occurring:

- Computer hacking (thousands annually)
- Physical shootings/attacks (hundreds annually)

Potential Threats:

- An EMP weapon or a CME (natural event)
- A mass coordinated physical attack on our grid
- A cascade (domino) event caused by a mass physical attack

Whereas, the director of the FBI in April of this year addressed congress to report on threats from numerous countries, he stated, "China's hackers are positioning on American infrastructure in preparation to wreak havoc and cause real-world harm to American citizens and communities, if or when China decides the time has come to strike," which means the loss of millions of lives due to subsequent power outages.

Whereas, the EMP Commission was created in 2008; Dr. Peter Pry, lead scientist for the commission, estimated that the death toll for America would be 90% twelve months after an EMP. For Idaho that would be 1.7M+ dead. Since, very little has been done to address this exposure.

Whereas, President Trump during his last year in office wrote an executive order to analyze the hardening of our grid; and the first year President Biden took office, he created yet another order to evaluate our situation. Since, the federal government and the power companies have produced very few tangible solutions to ensure our safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is proposed that the IDGOP recommend to the State Legislature that actions be implemented to make the Idaho electric grid safer and more reliable to address the above listed threat sources.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this recommended resolution requires measurable and verifiable solutions to these issues within an aggressive timeframe, because every day these threats increase greatly. If the U.S. government won't protect America, Idaho should protect itself.

[Editor's Note: This resolution was not included in the original preliminary package as it was inadvertently replaced with the language of another resolution.]

## TITLE: JUDICIAL VACANCIES

### **Resolution #: 2024-12**

**Submitted by:** Steve and Penny Allmer, Canyon County Delegates

**Presented by:** Steve and Penny Allmer, Canyon County Delegates

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party believes in the Idaho Constitution, and the thoughtful balance of power that our founders gave us.

Whereas the qualifications for a judicial nominee to serve on the supreme court, and judicial office must:

be at least 30 years old; be a U.S. citizen;

be an Idaho resident for at least two years;

be in good standing as an active or judicial member of the state bar for at least two years;

be a licensed attorney for at least 10 years.

Whereas the Idaho Constitution grants the power to the people to elect the judiciary by appointment of the Senate. Article 6, Section 7 Non-partisan Selection of Supreme and District Judges states, “The choice of justices of the Supreme Court and district judges shall be nonpartisan. **The Legislature shall provide for their nomination and election**, but candidates for the offices of justice of the Supreme Court and District Judge shall not be nominated nor endorsed by any political party and their names shall not appear on any political party ticket, nor be accompanied on the ballot by any political party designation.”

Whereas the present process in place for filling vacancies for the court, circumvent the Idaho Constitution by giving the power to the Governor and **not to the people**. The Legislators stand for the people and **ARE** the branch of government that fills the judicial vacancies.

Therefore, the Idaho Republican Party asks that laws in regard to filling Judicial vacancies be amended to read that, “**Idaho legislature shall nominate and with majority vote of the Senate and House of Representatives be elected to fill a vacancy for Judges of the Idaho Supreme Court, and all other vacancies for Judicial Officers of any inferior Idaho court.**”

## **TITLE: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**

### **Resolution #: 2024-13**

**Submitted by:** Tammy Nichols- District 10 Delegate

**Presented by:** Tammy Nichols- District 10 Delegate

WHEREAS, the People of Idaho values its sovereignty and independence; and

WHEREAS, the People of Idaho are increasingly alarmed by the influence of international organizations like the United Nations and the World Economic Forum in this state; and

WHEREAS, the People of Idaho have expressed deep concern over proposals supported by the United Nations and the World Economic Forum, including but not limited to:

The promotion of insect-based foods as a replacement for traditional meat products, limiting food choice and infringing on personal dietary preferences and traditions; and

The imposition of ESG (environmental, social, and corporate governance) requirements on businesses that increase regulations, raise costs, and reduce economic freedom for entrepreneurs and businesses; and

The concept of social credit, akin to a credit score for social behaviors, that gives the government undue control over individuals' daily lives, punishing those who dissent or hold differing views; and

Advocacy for censorship, including government preapproval of information shared online, on social media, and on television that threatens the fundamental principles of free speech and stifles open discourse; Support for global medical mandates, such as lockdowns, travel bans, business closures, and medical passports, that infringe on individual liberties and personal autonomy; and

The endorsement of digital identification that records and tracks individuals' activities, raising concerns about mass surveillance and the erosion of personal privacy; and

The potential implementation of mass surveillance technologies, including facial recognition cameras and biometric implants, that pose significant threats to personal privacy and civil liberties; and

Placing onerous burdens, costs, and regulations on farmers in the name of sustainability goals that jeopardize agricultural practices and the livelihoods of farmers; and

The advocacy for the elimination of private property rights, which undermines the principles of individual ownership and personal freedom; and

The introduction of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), programmable currency controlled by central banks that grant the government instant visibility and control over citizens' finances, infringing on financial privacy and personal autonomy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the People of Idaho firmly reasserts its unwavering dedication to the principles of sovereignty and self-determination, declaring unequivocally that any encroachments on the freedom of its residents must be immediately stopped.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the People of Idaho openly voices its concerns regarding all attempts made by international organizations, including but not limited to the United Nations and the World Economic Forum, to advocate for policies and initiatives that could undermine the core values and interests of Idaho's citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the People of Idaho strongly encourages a comprehensive review of all agreements or partnerships involving international organizations to guarantee their alignment with the fundamental principles of individual freedom, privacy, autonomy, and the right to private property, which are cherished by the people of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the People of Idaho remains resolute in its commitment to engaging in international cooperation as long as such endeavors respect the autonomy and sovereignty of our great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the People of Idaho expects all elected officials at every level of government to employ every available means to safeguard the inalienable rights of the citizens of Idaho from any threats or infringements like this or in a similar manner.

**TITLE: ADHERING TO THE IDAHO CONSTITUTION**

**Resolution #: 2024-14**

**Submitted by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

Whereas all Constitutions are trust documents and the people are the beneficiary of the trust. The government is the trustee and being that entity is bound to follow the trust document.

Whereas the Idaho Constitution states: SECTION 2. POLITICAL POWER INHERENT IN THE PEOPLE. "All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right to alter, reform or abolish the same whenever they may deem it necessary; and no special privileges or immunities shall ever be granted that may not be altered, revoked, or repealed by the legislature."

Therefore the Idaho Republican Party ask that all proposed bills that come before any Legislative Committee, and before any hearings take place, be first reviewed for its adherents to the Idaho Constitution.

## TITLE: IDAHO GOVERNMENT FUNDING

**Resolution #: 2024-15**

**Submitted by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party platform states that, we believe in limited government.

“The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that all government is financed by taxing its citizens. We believe the size and cost of government, as well as the national debt, must be reduced.” ARTICLE I. RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT, Section 1., Fiscal Responsibility A.

Whereas all Idaho constitutionally mandated spending should occur only by Idaho tax payer funds.

Whereas Idaho’s budget funding comes from approximately 40% Federal Government money, and these funds can come with requirements that may not align with Idaho’s Constitution, values or needs.

Whereas, Idaho Republican Party believes that Idaho tax payers should only pay for constitutionally mandated spending, departments and programs; all other funding, departments and programs repugnant to the Constitution should be reduced and eliminated.

Therefore, Idaho Republican Party asks the Legislature, to review each department budget and program to evaluate its constitutionality. We ask that going forward, all budgets be reviewed based on the Idaho Constitution; no monies be accepted from the Federal Government that grow our state government or do harm to our citizens. We also ask that all budgetary spending; departments and programs, that are not constitutionally mandated be removed.

**TITLE: PUBLIC TRUST OR ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCURACY IN GOVERNMENT**

**Resolution #:** 2024-16

**Submitted by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

Whereas the Idaho Republican Party believes in the rule of law, believes in a transparent government and that the public has an expectation of trust in its government.

Whereas the language from HB 215, year 2013 added into law the requirement; if optical scanners are used, the ballot would have placed upon it a “unique marking” that the optical scanner would detect. This mark is a substitute for the hand stamping, people verify system of authentication the ballot before counting occurs.

Whereas Idaho Election Code 34-901 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT IDENTIFICATION states:

- (1) The county clerk shall provide that all election ballots are identified as official. Each ballot shall have upon its face the date and year of the election in which it is used and the words “Official Election Ballot.”
- (2) The clerk in a county that utilizes optical scan ballots shall ensure that:
  - (a) The official election ballot identification is printed on each ballot issued; and
  - (b) Each ballot contains a unique marking to prevent duplication of official election ballots.

Whereas this “unique marking” is a security feature to make sure that each ballot scanned by the optical scanner is authentic and the scanner will prevent a duplicate, fraudulent ballot from being accepted. This implies that the optical scanner will reject any fraudulent ballot.

Whereas on October 20, 2023 after both optical scanners were tested at the Logic & Accuracy Test in Canyon County, an attendee asked if election staff would make a photocopy of one of the official paper ballots from the test deck and observe if the scanner would reject the photocopy. The election staff honored the request; a photocopy was made and inserted through the precinct scanner. **THE PHOTOCOPY WAS NOT REJECTED. IT WAS ACCEPTED.** Next, a new photocopy from the test deck of absentee style ballots was run through the central count optical scanner. It was also **NOT REJECTED.** Both optical scanner types **accepted a photocopy of an official paper ballot.**

Whereas all Idaho Counties that use optical scanned ballots should be creating ballots that conform to all Idaho Election Code, including the “unique marking” to prevent duplicate ballots from being accepted.

Therefore Idaho Republican Party asks the legislature to immediately investigate the following issues and file a public report stating their findings:

1. Do all Idaho counties that use optical scanners to assist in counting ballots have a type of “unique marking” to ensure that if a ballot is duplicated, the voting machine system can detect the duplicate ballot and not accept it, per 34-901(2)(b).
2. If any county is found to not comply, how long has this safeguard for our vote been out of compliance?
3. Can the voting machine systems support this feature? If the voting machine system can not support this feature why has this voting machine system approved for use in Idaho?

Furthermore, add to Idaho Election Code that this feature shall be tested before all elections, to demonstrate that the voting machine system is compliant. If any of the voting machine systems used in Idaho are found to not comply to all requirements set forth in Idaho Election code, we ask that the equipment be decertified and not be allowed to be used for elections in Idaho.



**TITLE: SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**Resolution #: 2024-17**

**Submitted by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

**Presented by:** Jo Dee Arnold, Canyon County Delegate

Whereas the Idaho Republicans Party believes that each state is a sovereign land; and

IDAHO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1. SECTION 1. INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF MAN. All men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; pursuing happiness and securing safety.

Whereas the Federal Government has abused its power by claiming land within the borders of Idaho that should belong to the citizens of Idaho; and

Whereas the benefits of this land belong to the people of Idaho for their enjoyment to pursuit happiness and liberty.

Therefore the Idaho Republican Party ask that all Federal lands within the borders of Idaho be repatriated and all benefits of said land be returned to the citizens of Idaho.

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION ASSERTING LIMITS TO PARTISANSHIP  
IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**Resolution #2024-18**

**Submitted by:** Todd Thomas, Chair, Franklin County

**To be presented by:** Todd Thomas, Chair, Franklin County

***WHEREA*** the Platform of the Idaho Republican Party supports no partisan decision-making with regard to contracting for construction and maintenance of infrastructure, provision of youth recreation programs, delivery of dependable utility service, enforcement of codes and statutes, or promotion of good will among community residents;

***WHEREAS*** the best local governance in towns and cities comes from individuals motivated by altruistic love of community, as such positions rarely pay lucrative salaries and do not financially support expensive partisan electioneering and campaigning;

***WHEREAS*** political parties are tools for achieving good government, but the power of a party is not an end goal itself superior to responsive and efficient governance;

***WHEREAS***, in an environment with scarce volunteer leadership, selecting persons of good character may be a higher priority than partisanship in the composition of local boards, councils and committees;

***WHEREAS*** building consensus within small towns and cities frequently requires statesmanship more than political loyalty, and single-minded partisanship can become an obstacle to such statesmanship; and

***WHEREAS*** it is only in larger communities where decision-making often defaults to overarching political philosophies that partisan elections yield any benefit to voters:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the IDGOP state central committee actively advocate and urge that any conversion of Idaho's currently non-partisan elected leadership to partisan office be limited to jurisdictions of 50,000 population and larger.

**TITLE: PROTECTION OF IDAHO PUBLIC LANDS AND ADJACENT IDAHO PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS**

**Resolution #: 2024-19**

**Submitted by:** Rachel Hatton, Fremont County Delegate

**Presented by:** Terry DeLong, Fremont County Delegate

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly supports the lease of Idaho public lands for traditional uses (i.e. grazing and logging).

WHEREAS, the Idaho Admissions Bill states: “(b) Lease. – Land granted under this Act for educational purposes may be leased in accordance with State law.”

WHEREAS, Idaho “Land Board policy allows for public recreation on endowment lands provided those activities do not degrade the lands, interfere with management activities, or otherwise negatively affect the long-term financial return to beneficiaries.”

WHEREAS, the Endowment Land and Recreation mission statement is: “to professionally and prudently manage Idaho’s endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to the public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect, and sustain their natural resources.

WHEREAS, The State of Idaho supports the spirit of good neighboring on public lands and has committed to transparency in government.

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands does not provide oversight and/or compliance officers who regularly provide onsite inventory and/or inspection of glamping operations, or implement, or enforce environmental laws or regulations related to glamping operations.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in South Eastern Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated their operating permits.

WHEREAS, “glamping” businesses across Idaho are very clearly causing significant environmental damage on Idaho public lands.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have a negative impact on Idaho wildlife and their free movement.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally interfered with wildlife habitat and quiet/serene ecosystems.

WHEREAS, the IDL public information officers will ensure compliance with Department Policy No. 6—Public Information. 3. As appropriate, IDL will work collaboratively with local communities, recreation groups, stakeholders, and adjacent landowners concerning the development and management of recreational use on endowment lands.

WHEREAS, Idaho communities in affected county and local jurisdictions that neighbor public lands have not been consulted with or informed about IDL issuing glamping permits/leases on these public lands prior to IDL issuing glamping permits/leases.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated rules and regulations from the Fire Marshall.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho have significantly and fundamentally violated rules and regulations from the Department of Environmental Quality.

WHEREAS, glamping operations do not comply with city or county laws and/ or ordinances and permitting.

WHEREAS, glamping operations conflict with County comprehensive plans and County zoning regulations.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho interfere with The Public's use of Idaho public lands.

WHEREAS, glamping operations on public lands reserve a recreational right of use for commercial clients and prohibit non-client campers who wish to enjoy the same public land freely.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Idaho do not pay property taxes in Idaho and therefore compete unfairly with Idaho businesses.

WHEREAS, commercial glamping businesses in Southeast Idaho and potentially statewide do not remove their operational infrastructure and materials from public lands at the end of their permit/ lease term, they leave these facilities in Connex storage containers and on site to facilitate future/ returning operations which in effect reserves public land for their continuing and exclusive use.

WHEREAS, glamping operations in Southeast Idaho have imposed negative impacts to neighboring private homes and landowners including trespass, noise, loss of privacy and serene livability environment, and these private land and home owners fear diminished property values and suffer the commercial environment that neighbors them including noise, trespass, and other concentrated glamping activities.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes the lease of any Idaho Public Land that results in the degradation of the land environmentally.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes the lease of any Idaho public land that results in unfair competition with private business.

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Republican Central Committee strongly opposes commercial glamping operations that negatively impact neighboring property and land owners, their private property rights, and community values, i.e. speaking specifically to livability environments and private property on adjacent lands as defined in the Fremont County Comprehensive Plan: "Fremont County delivers a strong sense of place to its residents, containing an appreciation of heritage and a feeling of spiritual sanctuary. We value peace and quiet, and an easy going life style. Our community pride is evident in our support of community events and our attention to community

appearance. Our small communities are like extended families. Our appreciation and concern for others is demonstrated by being and having good neighbors. We value the spiritual dimension of our lives, no matter how we define God. We maintain respect for the law and respect for everyone who makes up our community. The results of these values are safe and clean communities." Glamping operations in South East Idaho and potentially statewide violate every aspect of this definition.

WHEREAS, IDL Department Policy #6 ensures that IDL will work COLLABORATIVELY with local communities, recreation groups, stakeholders, and adjacent landowners regarding the development and management of public endowment lands The Fremont County Republican Central Committee requests that such policy should include public notice, meetings with and approval of, glamping operations through county land use commission/board, local groups, taxpayers, neighboring property owners, businesses, and effected communities in county jurisdictions. Any glamping permits/leases should require collaborative approval of glamping permits/leases in addition to IDL review and issuance of permit/leases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Central Committee expresses opposition to glamping operations on Idaho Public Lands until such time as the Idaho Department of Lands generates detailed rules and regulations regarding glamping operations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all IDL permit/lease holders shall comply with City and County comprehensive plans, County zoning regulations, laws and ordinances when operating on or occupying as a commercial user Idaho Public Lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IDL shall coordinate with development of these rules and regulations with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Idaho State Fire Marshall, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the local impact population and/or jurisdictional land commissions as a minimum,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IDL shall implement a "NEPA like" process for the review and approval of any glamping permit or lease to ensure land preservation practices that are consistent with Idaho State Land Board Endowment Land and Recreation mission statement that manages Idaho Endowment land assets for appropriate uses, that protect, and sustain their natural resources.

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO MAKE ELECTION DAY A NATIONAL HOLIDAY**

**Resolution #: 2024-20**

**Submitted by:** Nina Beesley and Susan Lehman, Kootenai Count Delegates

**Presented by:** Nina Beesley and Susan Lehman, Kootenai Count Delegates

WHEREAS many Americans living in cities face long lines at their polling places, which is exacerbated by most people having to go to the polls before or after work; and

WHEREAS, many Americans have long commutes to work, making it difficult to get to the polls; and

WHEREAS, polling sites need volunteers to be poll watchers and poll workers and the pool of volunteers is limited to those who aren't working during the day; and

WHEREAS, the pool of Americans who are available to volunteer to drive neighbors, friends, church or community members to the polls is also limited to those who aren't working during the day; and

WHEREAS, the number of polling places across the country was significantly reduced from 2016 to 2020 including six states—California, Maryland, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey and North Dakota—that reduced their number of polling places by half and in Baltimore alone, the number of Election Day polling places went from 296 to 24; and

WHEREAS, 20 states and the District of Columbia have no laws giving Americans in those states time off to vote; and

WHEREAS, in the vast majority of states that do have such laws, the requirement to give time off to vote is undercut by a caveat that the requirement does not count if the voter has personal time before or after work, which ignores the challenges of Americans who have children or long commutes or who are struggling to make ends meet with two or three jobs; and

WHEREAS, in the majority of states that do have a requirement to give time off to vote and don't have the above caveat, the time off is unpaid; and

WHEREAS, a Pew Research Center survey found that among those asked about why they didn't vote, "being too busy or having a conflicting schedule" was the third most common reason; and

WHEREAS, another Pew Research study found that 72% of Americans support making Election Day a national holiday;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KOOTENAI COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, that the committee recommends that the Idaho legislature, the Idaho Attorney General and the Idaho Congressional and Senatorial caucus in Washington DC support federal legislation making Presidential and mid-term November Election Days every two years a national holiday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee wishes this resolution to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at the Idaho GOP 2024 Summer Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee is directed to convey this resolution quickly to the Attorney General and the Idaho Congressional and Senatorial Caucus representing us in Washington, DC, with a goal of passage of federal legislation making Presidential and mid-term November Election Days every two years a national holiday prior to the November 2024 election.

**TITLE: REGARDING THE NULLIFICATION OF TREATIES WHICH ARE IMPROPERLY EXECUTED**

**Resolution #: 2024-21**

**Submitted by:** Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Delegate

**Presented by:** Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Delegate

**WHEREAS**, The World Health Organization (WHO) has drafted (16 October 2023) an agreement/ treaty among its member Nations, regarding “pandemic preparedness” which may grant itself supreme authority to impose lockdowns, “novel vaccines”<sup>1</sup>, travel restrictions, speech censorship,<sup>2</sup>“inter alia”, for any purpose they deem a threat to the health and safety of the global population, such as, but not limited to, declared pandemics, and climate change.<sup>3</sup> **FURTHER**, the draft declares “universal health coverage” a basic human right, “inter alia”.<sup>4</sup> **AND**, the United Nations and other global actors are seeking similar actions in the name of climate change, “equity,” and unauthorized speech, etc.

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 Section 1 of The United States Constitution states, He (The President) shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur.

**WHEREAS**, a treaty, properly executed is considered, The Supreme Law of the Land.

**WHEREAS**, in the past, certain Presidents have signed treaties and through executive fiat, made policy to enforce treaties without the consent of two thirds of the Senators, **AND**, President Biden has indicated his approval of the WHO Pandemic Treaty currently being drafted.

**WHEREAS**, The primary author of The Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, in reaction to unconstitutional Alien and Sedition acts, wrote the Kentucky Resolution of 1798<sup>5</sup>, which could be summarized by this excerpt from said resolution, “that a nullification, by those sovereignties, of all unauthorized acts done under colour of that instrument, is the rightful remedy:” And, James Madison, the primary author of The Constitution, in like manner responding to the unconstitutional Alien and Sedition Acts, penned The Virginia Resolution<sup>6</sup>, which an excerpt does summarize, “That this Assembly doth explicitly and peremptorily declare, that it views the powers of the federal government, as resulting from the compact to which the states are parties; as limited by the plain sense and intention of the instrument constituting that compact; as no farther valid than they are authorized by the grants enumerated in that compact, and that in case of a deliberate, palpable and dangerous exercise of other powers not granted by the said compact, the states who are parties there- to have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of the evil, and for maintaining within their respective limits, the authorities, rights and liberties appertaining to them.”



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party support and adopt this resolution requesting that the State of Idaho nullify treaties which are not properly executed.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party and the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee, requests in the event the President signs, and attempts to enforce through executive fiat, any unratified treaty, the State of Idaho, its executive branch, legislature, and sheriffs are by right, duty bound to interpose, on behalf of the People, nullification of such treaty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party and the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee recommends, in the event The President of The United States attempts to enforce an unconstitutional treaty, the Idaho members of the US House and Senate should at minimum draft articles of impeachment of the President.

1 [https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT\\_Negotiating-Text\\_INB-Bureau\\_16-Oct-2023.pdf](https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT_Negotiating-Text_INB-Bureau_16-Oct-2023.pdf); Article 15 (1), pages 19, 20

2 [https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT\\_Negotiating-Text\\_INB-Bureau\\_16-Oct-2023.pdf](https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT_Negotiating-Text_INB-Bureau_16-Oct-2023.pdf); Chapter 1, Article 1 (c), page 5

3 [https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT\\_Negotiating-Text\\_INB-Bureau\\_16-Oct-2023.pdf](https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT_Negotiating-Text_INB-Bureau_16-Oct-2023.pdf); Chapter 1, Article 1 (d), page 5

4 [https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT\\_Negotiating-Text\\_INB-Bureau\\_16-Oct-2023.pdf](https://healthpolicy-watch.news/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/advance-DRAFT_Negotiating-Text_INB-Bureau_16-Oct-2023.pdf); Chapter 1, Article 1 (k), page 6

5 <https://billofrightsintstitute.org/primary-sources/virginia-and-kentucky-resolutions>

6 <https://billofrightsintstitute.org/primary-sources/virginia-and-kentucky-resolutions>

**TITLE: MEDICARE EXPANSION**

**Resolution #:** 2024-22

**Submitted by:** Brian and Elizabeth Parsons, Bannock County Delegates

**Presented by:** Elizabeth Parsons, Bannock County Delegate

Whereas access to healthcare is a reasonable Constitutional objective under the General Welfare Clause of the US and Idaho Constitutions

Whereas a healthy population ensures minimal economic impact, greater productivity and growth

Whereas Government programs like the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion have served to stifle competition in healthcare markets

Whereas Medicaid expansion has increased the government payer patient pool and as a result handed increased leverage to government payers in anti-competitive practices that negatively impact the sustainability of private healthcare providers

Whereas these anti-competitive practices have forced the closure, acquisition or consolidation of hundreds of private healthcare clinics (Bonners Ferry OB)

Whereas Idaho is a sparsely populated and largely rural state and rural communities are disproportionately affected by healthcare consolidation and closures

Whereas Idaho is best served by a competitive healthcare market

Be it known that the Idaho Republican Party supports effective legislation to empower private and community healthcare clinics and discourages the anti-competitive consolidation of healthcare markets abetted by government favor.